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Dear Mr. Wall

I write to confirm Co-operatives Victoria's eagerness to examine the public discussion paper on national co-operative representation which you foreshadowed at the National Co-operative Conference on 25 October 2012.

You will recall, of course, that Co-operatives Victoria previously offered to assist in the development of a paper but this did not eventuate.

Despite limited resources, Co-operatives Victoria has made a significant contribution to IYC 2012 primarily through creative co-partnering as demonstrated by this list of activities:

 	<p>With CEHL and SouthEast Housing Co-operative Ltd organised a Co-operatives National Law Workshop presented by Jenni Mattila on 19 November 2012 with 24 co-operators attending.</p>
	<p>With First Option Credit Union, organised a Beyond 2012 Workshop on 27 September 2012 at the German Club Tivoli with 23 co-operators present.</p>
	<p>With SouthEast Housing Co-operative Ltd and UK Co-operative College completed a series of eight Co-operation in Practice films presented by the Chief Executive and Principal of the UK Co-operative College Mervyn Wilson.</p>
	<p>With SouthEast Housing Co-operative Ltd, working on a series of Co-operatives National Law films presented by Jenni Mattila.</p>

	Attended the National Co-operative Conference, 24 – 25 October 2012, Port Macquarie, NSW.
	Continued to work with the UK Co-operative College – bringing co-operative education to Australia.
	Working with the Victorian Department of Primary Industry to create an online version of an updated Co-operative Start-Up Manual.
	Co-sponsored Cardijn Community Australia Workshop Economics for the 99%, 11 August 2012.



Signifies co-sponsorship as Australia IYC 2012 events.

The integrity of the national peak body proposal will depend on the presentation of alternatives with rationales and respective costs and benefits and the detailing of a transparent and accountable consultation process.

It is also important in releasing the proposal it is made clear that the paper is available on a good faith basis and criticism of any kind will be welcomed as a genuine contribution to further public debate. Co-operators and co-operatives need to co-operate and recognise that there are legitimate differences and there is a need to work through these differences and not implicitly or explicitly denigrate or by-pass those who have different views.

Yours in co-operation

Tony O'Shea
Chairman

CFV Directors:

The above is a letter composed by David Griffiths pursuant to a decision of the CFV Board, signed by me, and mailed to Greg Wall mid-December 2012.

Greg Wall's response, received by me a few minutes ago via email, is attached.